

September 6, 2012

The Board of Public Works met at 4:00pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat, Chief Dixon, Street Commissioner Maynard, Sewer Superintendent Givens, Attorney Higgins, Larry Williams, Sara Manifold – Mt. Vernon Democrat, and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and be approved as presented. Seconded by Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.
Board Member Fuelling makes a motion to allow payment of the claims.
Seconded by Board Member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****Claims*****

Mayor Tucker stated we will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Police Chief Beloat stated they have completed their annual testing for applicants and feels they are ready to set up a time for interviews. Chief Beloat stated Detective Rueger is doing the background checks and is almost completed with them. He stated he was thinking the month of October for doing the interviews and asked the board what they thought.
Board Member Curtis stated the 1st of the month is better than the 2nd half for him.
Board Member Fuelling stated so we are talking about October 4th or 18th.

Chief Beloat stated he didn't know if they wanted a different day since all the meetings are on Thursday's now. He stated he has 6 to interview.
Board Member Curtis stated he would like it all on the same day.
Mayor Tucker asked if they wanted to do it before the meetings.
Board Member Curtis and Fuelling agreed.

A unanimous decision was made by the board to conduct interviews for the Mt. Vernon Police Department on October 4th and 2pm.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions for Chief Beloit.
There was none.

Fire Chief Dixon stated he wanted to let the board know that he and 2 other firemen will be attending a large scale exercise in Muscatatuck, Indiana. He stated there will be 4 districts from Indiana there. Chief Dixon stated he would like permission to take the fire chief's vehicle and the credit card for the fuel. He stated the food is covered and they will reimburse back to the city the cost of gas and overtime if any is incurred by the firemen. Chief Dixon stated they will attend on September 26, 27, and 28.

Board Member Curtis makes a motion to allow Fire Chief Dixon use of a city vehicle and use of a credit card for training on September 26, 27, and 28.
Seconded by Board Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Sewage Superintendant Givens stated he has a few items to bring before the Board tonight. He first wanted to let them know the state inspector came and looked at the plant, reports and lift stations and they passed with flying colors.

Second he stated that Deann Blackburn, the utilities bookkeeper, came to him and wanted him to get approval from the board to write a \$.45 check out of an old 2007 SRF account and move it into Operation and Maintenance. Superintendent Givens stated Jim Cameron from Umbaugh advised her to do this and that she needed board approval.

Board Member Curtis makes a motion to allow Deann Blackburn, the Utility Bookkeeper, to transfer funds from SRF to Operation and Maintenance.
Seconded by Board Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Sewage Superintendent Givens stated the last item he has for the board is that he has an incubator that he has found paperwork on that dates back to a purchase date of 2008. He stated the incubator they have has to be worked on at least once and year and it is out again. He stated they need this piece of equipment. Superintendent Givens stated he would like permission to purchase one. He stated they can get the same size and brand for \$3999.95 or there is another one they can get for \$4,995.95.

He stated what he would like is permission to buy incubator up to \$5,000. He stated he believes they only come with a 1 year warranty.

Board Member Fuelling asked if the height on the incubator is the same size of a refrigerator.

Superintendent Givens stated yes.

Board Member Curtis asked what the average cost to repair it is.

Superintendent Givens stated it normally runs anywhere from \$200 to \$400.00. He stated we could repair it. He asked the board if they want to fix it and keep it as a backup up.

Board Member Curtis stated why get it fixed and then put \$5,000.00 in a new one. He asked Superintendent Givens if we can sell it or trade it in.

Superintendent Givens stated he didn't know.

Superintendent Givens stated he would like an amount to spend and stated he needs one by next week.

Board Member Curtis asked how long one would take to get here.

Superintendent Givens stated probably one week they have them in.

Board Member Fuelling stated get a good one and check on prices.

Board Member Fuelling stated read the reviews and see if there were any upgrades on the brand you have. He stated it doesn't make any sense to get the same brand if you have been having so much trouble with the one you have.

Board Member Curtis makes a motion to allow Superintendent Givens permission to spend up to \$5,000 after reviewing and looking in other catalogs for incubators.

Seconded by Board Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone had any questions of Superintendent Givens.

There were none.

Street Commissioner Maynard stated he had no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone had any questions for Street Commissioner Maynard.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated next on the agenda is legal's. He stated Attorney Higgins is here to discuss those.

Attorney Higgins told the board that the Landing Project has been underway and they have been doing a lot of work. She stated they are ready to start closing on the real estate.

She stated you don't have before you yet but you will the petition to vacate the south half of the alley that runs from Main to Walnut.

She stated right now she is here to discuss the piece of property the City owns which is a small strip adjacent to the alley (by the old armory building). She stated in the alley is a fiber optic wire. She stated that this wire provides service to most of the west side of the community. She stated that they can't build over and they can't move it. She stated they were always going to use the location of 2nd and Main for a building but now it will be for parking only.

She stated you have before you an Easement Agreement for The Landing LP. She stated this is easement covers the current municipal parking lot at the corner of 2nd and Main. If approved, this lot would exclusively designated for parking for the Landing development and the Landing , LP would be responsible for the insurance, taxes, maintenance, improvements, snow,... all costs. She stated that any existing utilities would stay in place. Attorney Higgins stated so what you have before you is:

- 1) The Easement Agreement
- 2) Offer to purchase for that strip mentioned south of the alley at \$40,000 purchase price to City.

Attorney Higgins stated the petition to vacate will come to later. She stated Larry Williams is here tonight representing 21 Century Leadership LTD.

Board Member Fuelling asked if the armory is between the 2 spots.

Attorney Higgins stated yes.

Attorney Higgins stated that the board would want to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign it and approve either together or separate the Easement Agreement and the Sale of real estate.

Board Member Curtis makes a motion to allow the sale of real estate to 21st Century Leadership LTD as outlined for \$40,000.

Seconded by Board Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins told the board she wanted to mention that in the event the easement is not used for the purpose requested in one year they it would revert back to the City.

Board Member Curtis makes a motion to allow the Easement Agreement for the Landing LP.

Seconded by Board Member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the other item on the agenda is a Heavy Haul Permit request from Sterett Crane.

Board Member Curtis stated that in the past we have had damage due to the heavy hauls, not by Sterett but we have had damage.

Street Commissioner Maynard stated that with every load the street department and police department should be contacted in advance.

Board Member Curtis stated after looking over the application he does not like the description of loads stating cranes and miscellaneous equipment. He stated he doesn't have a problem with the crane but he doesn't like the miscellaneous equipment.

Board Member Fuelling stated they need to be more specific.

Board Member Curtis stated he doesn't have a problem for cranes and maybe for the miscellaneous equipment extra fees of \$50.00/daily.

Mayor Tucker stated that as we all know the street department budget took quite a hit. Although he stated we want to work with Sterett.

Board Member Curtis stated again he wants to know the miscellaneous, but he doesn't have a problem with the cranes.

Mayor Tucker asked Clerk-Treasurer Dike if she will contact Sterett Crane and ask them about the miscellaneous loads and let them know it might be easier if they want to send a representative to the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Dike stated she will contact someone from Sterett Crane.

Board Member Fuelling stated he too is good with the cranes but needs to know the miscellaneous.

Mayor Tucker stated as for now we are holding off approving the heaving haul permit for Sterett Crane until we know more.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the audience wishes to approach the board.

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any old business.

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any new business.

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board Member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Board Member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, they reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Dike
Clerk-Treasurer